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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 23-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 23-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/8/2006 has been entered.
2. Claims 17 – 22 have been cancelled. Claims 1 – 16, 23 - 54 are currently pending for further processing.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 1 – 12, 31, 33, and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5. The claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.
6. Claims 1, 5, recite the limitation "applying the or each template file associated with a given directory... is applied", and " wherein the applying the or each template file associated ... template file" in the last two limitations of these claims respectively and in claims 31, 33, 51. There is no different between "the each template file" and " or each template file" when

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Applicant refers to " the or each template file ". The Examiner is not sure if there is a different between them.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

9. Claims 1 – 16, 23 – 30, 35 – 38, 47 - 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Donohue et al (U.S. 5,987,480) in view of Schultz et al (U.S. 6,453,339 B1).

♦ As per claims 1, 5, 23, 27,

Donohue et al (U.S. 5,987,480) discloses a method/apparatus of managing information bearing content files stored in a computer file system, comprising:

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- “The computer file system being divided into directories” col. 13 lines 22 – 26 of Donohue.
- “Means” (Fig. 1, element 2 of Donohue) for “Locating one or more content files” corresponds to the command to locate documents (col. 7 lines 27 – 30 of Donohue).
- The “content files” corresponds to the “documents” that stored in the data source 12 in Fig. 1 (col. 7 lines 35 – 44).
- “Means” (Fig. 1, element 24 of Donohue) “Associating one or more template files with each directory in which at least one content file is stored” See col. 5 lines 25 – 31 of Donohue. The documents stored in the web server contain different formats; therefore, when applying to the template, it will carry out a respective predetermined operation on the documents (col. 1 lines 57 – 65 of Donohue).
- “Means” (Fig. 1, element 14 of Donohue) for “Applying the or each template file associated with a given directory to each content file stored in that given directory” col. 7 lines 15 – 22 of Donohue.
- “Wherein the respective directory in which each content file is stored determines which of the or each template file is applied” col. 5, lines 63 – 67, col. 10, lines 43 – 48 of Donohue.

Donohue teaches that the data source and the templates, which organized in a directory, are stored on the server computer, but does not clearly teach that the directory stores the content file and the template. In col. 4, lines 59 – 62, Donohue teach that the data source provided the content stored in the database represents or is reduced to name/value pairs.

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In addition, Schultz discloses a search system for channelized data (see the title of Schultz) that the content directory and the template directory are stored in the same place (col. 13, lines 54 – 56 of Schultz). Schultz teaches that the content file being stored in a directory of the computer file system (col. 13, lines 54 – 56 of Schultz). Schultz also teaches that “ wherein the applying the or each template file associated with a given directory ... generates a corresponding templated information-bearing content file whose appearance is controlled by the or each associated template file” (col. 13, lines 55 – 59 of Schultz) by applying the image file in the directory with the corresponding template in that directory.

Both inventions are in the same filed (search and delivery document to user). Donohue and Schultz suggest that the invention may be modified to archive the scope of the claims (col. 14, lines 28 – 36, Donohue; col. 18, lines 26 - 30 – 47, Schultz).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute the name-value in Donohue invention by the content file of Schultz because the combination would reduce the network traffic in searching for data.

◆ As per claims 13 – 16,

With all limitation as in claim 1 further claims 13 – 16 including the steps of searching for documents in a directory and determining if whether the template is existed in that directory. Schultz discloses a content directory associated with the templated directory (Fig. 5 of Schultz) in combination with the teaching of Donohue, the combined system would be able to searching for document in a directory (Schultz reference) and determining if whether the template is existed in that directory (either Schultz or Donohue reference).

◆ As per claims 2, 6, 24, 28, the combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose:

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- “The computer file system is divided into a hierarchical arrangement of directories” col. 5 lines 26 – 30, Donohue.

◆ As per claims 3, 7, 25, 29, the combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose:

Donohue teaches that the templates are stored in the directory. Each associate with a particular document or group of documents (col. 5 lines 26 – 30, Donohue.); therefore, the association of a template with a directory is made on the basis of the template file being stored in that directory.

◆ As per claims 4, 8, 26, 30, the combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose:

- “Associating metadata with each content file” See col. 15, lines 10 – 11 of Schultz.
- “Carrying out the respective pre-determined operation on each content file... metadata” col. 1 lines 57 – 65, Donohue.

◆ As per claims 9 - 10, the combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose:

- “Computer readable code” corresponds to the “script” 14 in Fig. 1 of Donohue.
- “A signal embodying computer executable code for loading into a computer” See Fig. 1 of Donohue, col. 7, lines 1 – 44.

◆ As per claims 11 – 12, the combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose:

- “The association of a template with a directory is made on the basis of the template file being stored in at least one of that directory and a parent directory of that directory” col. 10, lines 43 – 48, Donohue.

◆ As per claims 35 - 38, the combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose:

The combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose a directory that stored both content file and the associated templates as discussed above. Therefore, the Donohue and Schultz

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discloses, “searching a parent directory ... template files” by searching for a default template file in the parent directory (See col. 13, lines 11 – col. 14, lines 17 of Donohue).

◆ As per claims 47 - 50, the combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose:

The combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose a directory that stored both content file and the associated templates as discussed above. Furthermore, Donohue discloses a result page (information bearing content) (See Fig. 2 of Donohue). This page is generated and must be stored in the system before displayed to the user. Therefore, the directory that stored both template and the content file must be able to store the result page as claim in the invention.

◆ As per claims 51 - 54, the combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose:

- “The look up table” See col. 12, lines 59 – 62 of Schultz.

10. Claims 31 – 34, 39 - 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Donohue et al (U.S. 5,987,480) in view of Schultz et al (U.S. 6,453,339 B1) as applied to claims 1 – 16, 23 – 30, 35 – 38, 47 - 54 above, and further in view of Popp et al (U.S. 6,651,108B2).

◆ As per claims 31 - 34,

The combination of Donohue and Schultz disclose a method for searching a document and using the associated templated to carried out the document. Donohue teaches that the templates may be inherited from parent directories to one or more child directories (col. 14, lines 14 – 15 of Donohue) by searching one level up the directory for the default template if the current directory does not have the default template. Donohue does not teach that one document can be applied to multiple templates so that at least one document is processed in accordance with multiple template files as claimed in claims 31 – 34 of the instant application. However, one

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skill in the art would recognize that depend on the type and the attributes of document, an appropriate template can be used. As Donohue teaches the relationship between the parent and child directories, a parent template can be used to the child document in the child directory.

Donohue and Schultz do not clearly disclose that one document can be applied to multiple templates so that at least one document is processed in accordance with multiple template files as claimed in claims 31 – 34 of the instant application.

However, Popp, on the other hand, discloses a method and apparatus for generating a web page (see the title of Popp) using multiple templates. Popp teaches that “multiple HTML templates can be used to generate a single HTML document” (Col. 3, lines 22 – 25 of Popp).

Since Popp and Donohue and Schultz are in the same field of endeavor, it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply the teaching of Popp into the combination of Donohue and Schultz because the combination would provide the user different displays by using multiple templates.

♦ As per claims 39 - 42, the combination of Donohue, Schultz and Popp disclose:

These claims are rejected based on the rejections of claims 31 – 38 as discussed above.

♦ As per claims 43 - 46, the combination of Donohue, Schultz and Popp disclose:

According to col. 13, lines 10 – 21, Donohue teaches that depending on user interest product, a new template can be created. Therefore, if a new template is created based on the user need, this template will override the other template file.

Response to Arguments

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11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 16, 23 - 54 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Malik et al (U.S. 6,349,306 B1) discloses a method and apparatus for configuration management in communications networks.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CamLinh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4024. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571 – 273 - 8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 305-3900.

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